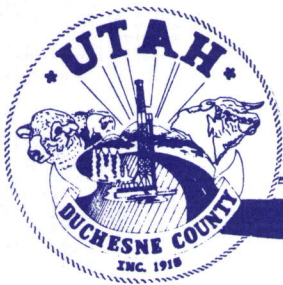


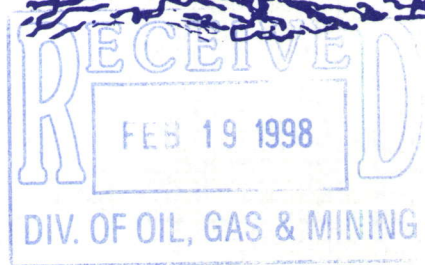
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February 18, 1998

State of Utah  
Division of Natural Resources  
Division of Oil, Gas And Mining  
c/o Tony Gallegos  
1594 W N. Temple, Suite 1210  
Box 145801  
Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-5801

Dear Tony,

In October, 1997, we mailed you an application for a Large Mining Permit on Duchesne County Mine # M/047/028. We have not received a written review on this matter. Now that spring is approaching, we are about out of material in the bottom of the existing pit. We need to expand to the West about 200' and strip the over burden off in order to have some material to crush by November, 1998, as we will be out of crushed material by then. We have our equipment near the Whiterocks area. To avoid the expense of moving it back to Duchesne, we would like you to give us written permission to proceed with the removal of the over burden as you are reviewing our application.

Thank-you

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Douglas Nielsen".

Douglas Nielsen  
Duchesne County Road Supervisor

DN/tc